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WEALTHY SOCIALIST'S EYES CAUSE COLLAPSE OF GIRL TESTIFYING IN HER SUIT

"Please Stop Him, Judge," Pretty Miss Grunspan Pleads as Walling Gazes.

HIS WIFE MOCKS RIVAL.

Promise of Revolution and

Letters of Millionaire.

being read to Justice Glegerich and a jury in the Supreme Court to-day. Annette Berthe Grunspan, who is suing William English Walling, the million aire Socialist, for \$100,000 damages for Men Playing Pinochle Discover alleged failure to keep his promise to marry her, covered her face with a handkerchief and broke into violent sobs. A moment later she turned to the Court and pleaded:

Please stop him, Judge; he gives such funny looks. I can't stand it

to their feet and watched Walling. He was grinning. His eyes were fastened the petite Russian girl. Anna Strunsky, the Russian novelist, his wife, who sat behind him, was laughing mildy, and her sister, Ross, likewise seemed amused. Tears streamed down the face of the little witness.

Unetrung by "Funny Looks." 'He has me unstrung; his looks are

o funny!" she repeated. me than all my pains."

vealed the American's close touch with to Miss Grunspan tells of a visit to De Witte, the Russian Premier. It read:

M. Sokolow, the editor, with whom I was, defended strongly the radi-Jews against Witte. . . . I am Kappy, particularly because of the successful revolution. We shall be buster to-morrow. Read much Eng-Stevenson-and read the spatches from Russia. White I am in St. Petersburg I shall not write. but expect you to do so. I shall not sign my name to my letters-you know why. . . .

There will be rivers of blood here. But don't worry, dearest, I do not run any dangers. * * Write atways of yourself as if I were there and you with me. I am busy with Bullard getting up a bureau for forwarding news of the revolution to America. I shall never forget a word that you have written or W. E.

Death Without Him.

In another letter dated Nov. 10, 1905. Walling refers to "papers and magazines taking interest in our burgau" am of his "paying contracts and free hand

was while reading a letter aldressed to "Ch the girl called Walling a little scarn and declared that she "could not be tempted except by you" that the en-sode of her asking he Court to pratect her from Walling's eyes occurred.

I would rather destroy myself enhe loved by another man. My mind indifferent to all but you. My indifferent character has been turned one of gentleness and affection and all the pains I endure can not replace the love I enjoy of seeing your eyes.

I kiss and hug you with all my strength and all my being. Don't be

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\$500,000 BLAZE IN WHITE PLAINS

Bloodshed and Affection in Two Others Are Seriously Injured, Many Made Homeless.

SCORES ARE RESCUED

Fire and Arouse Guests in Two Hotels.

Lawyers and court attendants jumped history of the town. It cost one life, the part of the volunteer firemen.

The White Plains fire fighters were

And, by way of illustrating the mys them to satisfy leave their homes.

Firandes apartment houses, a chop sney resurt, a number of shops and group resurt, a number of shops and group resurt, and other business ventures.

Capt. Robert Brown commanded the business remained in hor rooms to the street when the house did not remained in her rooms volunteer fremen and Capt. Harmon in the self-rooms of which remains the blaze when the appeared at the base which has presented at the man Abbott, the Chesterdell of the plate and all that ort of these. The mental parts and all that ort of the constant, climbed a ladder to make the rescue. Percy Smith abled him. When they reached the about the control of the second that she man a few that the control of the

intifer without any final touches to just at bid er carment. Then she wanted to go that have be after from the con-

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KILLS A FIREMAN

terious ways by which Providence perdalist's "deep, | and enabled a large number of natrons dreamy, blue eyes, which hold me in of two hotels to escape from their aweet thraidom and which are more to rooms. The placeble game was in prog-Several letters written by Walling Hotel-so named for its owner, the fain Warsaw were read. They re mous midget who is known wherever morning. Harks, Debugg at all may dred and Twenty-fifth street to-day the four-sheet poster flourishes. Shortly continue uninterrupced their history, firemen carried Mrs. William Golwin. the revolutionary movement. One sent after 3 o'clock one of the players de making course. tected the fire and gave an alarm. All of the above Bossies Bereaford and from the window of the fourth floor of the other players dropped their hands and became volunteer fremen. These Campays, have buried the hatchet or, to the Bundred and Twenty-fifth street. players aroused the patrons of the two otets in the block, and the sleeping coupants of a row of apartment

It fanned the flames into spectacular their blue blood, and with only a galet reportions before the volunteer fire. Seeve laugh over the fau they and here. nen could reach the block. In a short For the Hop, "Bobble" and his young start as it are up the partitions time the entire area of 12,000 square Levels in horse been merely spouring the est fronting on Orawaupun street, on Aberteen personen, y' know, and tun-cente the call cad station, and extends is the way it record out. ng hlong Lexington avenue, was a An Erveling World remotion mass of dame. In the area were the Sating bestip the russics of a real Admiral Dot and Harlem Hotels, the combat that would make the found the police. Harnly had the firemen the police. Having had the bremon reach d the pixes when there came a There were absorbed in a fine of the cry that a woman was in one of the police of profiles of profiles of the Admiral Dot Batel. Fire and there is represented in the agency of notion about coming out in extreme party, but came ners to affect los

Ingion avenue to a row of frame build. Baying their fling with the ever since there. George Helpp of Hope Engine we'd landed, and a righter old fling in to you.

Commany was notiting the blaze in an has been too, and he just inside a pre-more parement. She was dead a parameter of the was dead a parameter of the was dead and breaking his teg.

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White Plains ! OPOWAMPUM STREET 5.000 THRILLED

LORD CAMOYS YET

ing American Pressmen," His Lordship Declares.

Fanned Fizmes.

A stiff northeast wind was blowing. In the fair sail of A assira with any of the building in which Mes. Codwin fred

Banis's Pistols.

BY SPECTACULAR RESCUE AT FIRE

Story of Feud "Merely Spoof- Great Crowd on Harlem's Big Thoroughfare Sees Heroes Save Woman.

The flor. Bosone Perestord and from the window of the fourth floor of Ralph Julian Francis Stoner, Baron, the burning tenement at No. 58 West be more assurate, they have decided Cars were blocked fifty minutes by the the old rates in effect. over a first mignon stat a log of shandy-gary that there seems was any hatched to be hard. So there you are Those thed fish offing members of the West One Bundred and Twenty-fifth

The fire started in the basement of cation until after the stock market had closed, private houses, and the blaze got a willings. Airshaft waitlows were by by the heat and the draughts and from an operation, was unable to get The outs salder remediancy a able was one there feet long

GALE LIFTS GIRL 30 FFET.

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RAILROADS LOSE FIGHT TO RAISE FREIGHT RATES

Eastern and Western Roads Hit Alike by Ruling of Commerce Board, Which Is a Big Victory for Shippers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Sweeping reductions in freight rates practically every known variety of merchandise transported by railroads were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, of two hotels to escape from their rooms. The phosphic game was in progress in a rear room at the Admiral Dot. The great Beresford-Carners fend is In the presence of \$500 speciators.

The decisions, marking the end of the great rate cases and affecting. every railroad in the country, mark a complete victory for the shipping public in their long tight for lower tariffs.

The Commission disapproved the proposed advances in rates and ordered the carriers by March 10 to withdraw the proposed rates, leaving

Eastern and Western roads are affected alike by the decision. The decision was delayed eight hours in order to prevent its publi-

JUDGE SANCTIONS DEPORTATION, BUT CALLS IT UNJUST

Aged Crippie, Long Resident Here, Refused Admission

Let me dress before I go out," she fight the floth "holder because the Hon. "Incider is formulae that and therefore a guillable, and the fire would wait for a woman's Cannow, but set takes to the state and therefore a guillable, and the fire would wait for a woman's Cannow, but set takes to the state and the ground totlet, and they surely her down the main's the laster many reasons to the Whithel High in Air, They that he was last to become a painter that he was last to become a painter that he was last to become a painter that he was last to be a state last the light of the last the last the state last the last the last the state of the last Canfora a pre-lexied man who, on his solults, Whirled High in Air, They charge, Judge 1000 is a decision fixed United Its Payaman, feeding to the United States District hath and revenue ber clothing, but the filet (2001-100) for 20 -Mary finite a 1 consider a revenue but greaten held her cach of the lines and (2001-100) for the would not be any such hereign be diswould not be any such hereign be dispayed.

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be immigration authorities will recoolder the case I cannot believe that torre enemy to prese the take years and a fe and oblidgen, and from the hou this country in which he has lived . Canford, who le now sixty years file-desire a writ of habeas corpus his to too. He now bus a wife and wix that and patent leather somes walked in

MISSING POSTMASTER'S SUCCESSOR IS NAMED.

Fat Appoints Thomas B. Smith to Philadelphia Office Held by Ashhard, Supposed Drowned.

B. Smith, temporary Postmaster of Postadelphia since the disappearance of Rubbard L. Ashburs, was nominated he midn't know that and thought she that they had a right to consider a vitto me Sennia today by President Tab that was been as the first of the state of t

Which Swept Block in Heart of Town. GARDNER ACQUITTED. CHARGE FALLS FLAT

Four Ballots Taken by the Jury, the First One Standing Eight to Four For the Accused.

HIS WIFE AND MOTHER OVERCOME IN COURT

Case Was Submitted on Charge of Justice Seabury and Without Argument by Counsel

Former State Senator Frank J. Gardner was acquitted late this afternoon of the charge of attempted bribery, by the jury which had been hearing the evidence against him for the best part of a week before Justice Seabury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court. His was the first criminal prosecution-and possibly the last-growing out of the disclosures of corruption in connection with the vote on the Anti-Race Track bills in the General Assembly of 1908,

The jurors were out a minute or two more than an hour. They took four ballots-standing eight for acquittal to four for conviction, on the first; ten to two on the second; eleven to one on the third, and ananimously for a verdict of not guilty on the fourth.

TELEPHONES MAID AS BURGLAR FLEES

Police Squad Arrives in Time to Follow Blind Trail in Snow on Roof.

From the home of Henry Dater of No. help immediate to Lieut, Ennis at the East Fifty-first street police station "Heliap! Heliap" simisked a shrift feminine voice over the telephone bie sammed momentarily, but soon

"Huguitara!" As soon as the Lieutenant sould persuade the frightened maid to tell nonwhere the nelp was needed six uniformed policemen were sent across town; women in a harry. Ethel Weeks, a seymanus was the one who had seen the man and who caused the nlarm. She was at work in the sewing-room just under the roof A young man in an overcoat, done, on her without knocking.

"Where is the madam's room?" he

kinking he was a workman. "Then," sold be, languing the massle of a revolver against lies cheek, "your rate me mere quick."

Miss Weeks got flight up and started down stairs. An they reached the second floor a maid can to the telephone to the efforts made by the defense to and negan calling a number hundedly, impeach the character and credibility The maid had not seen the burglar, but of Foelker, pointing out to the jurger was summoning the police. He put his ness's past life in weighing the value of revolver in his pocket and scrambled up his words. states and out of the roof scuttle. states and out of the roof scuttle. He pointed out that Gardner could the palice found liming marks in the not be convicted because he was in

south, so they assumed be had entered Albany fighting the race track bills, snow on the roofs to the scuttle of No. a right to oppose the billis. He set 1904 Min' avenue. There was no further forth also that alleged conversations trait. Detectives Stapleton, Van Twist- bearing on a dinner at Deimonico's

unique feature of the closing det of the trial was that the jurors thenselves voted to take the case without summing up arguments after the lawvers on each side and suggested that Gardner himself was on the stand for a good part of the forenoon undergoing ross-examination and denying again and again that he offered a bribe to ongressman Otto G. Foelker, then State Senator, for his vote against the

Hart-Agnew bills The Jury Comes In.

At I.IA the jury came in. Gardner was widte but calm. His mother showed her feelings more plainly then is wife did. There was a wait while ittendants went for the jury-a wait which impressed the nervous tension. Chardner stood while the clerk called the roll of the lurars.

and the foreman. A little attr can through the courtout, but there was no applause. Gard r never moved, but Mrs. Gardner fell at this or hair, almost evercome,

covered. Cardner's mother wept ers and then pushed his way through consciutating crowd to where his ontolk wat. Court was at once ad-

The Judge's Charge.

Justice Scabury delivered his charge ofter the moon recess and the jury rered shortly before 3 o'clock to consider se verdict. He made it plain that in e final analysis the issue largely regived fixelf toto a question of veracity ciween Foelker, the accused, and Gardor, the accused. He pointed out that Poelker's story constituted proof of atempead bethery, providing the jury beevel Foetker told the truth

The merits of the legislation involved that alleged transaction had, the Court opened out, absolutely no bearing spen the transaction (teelf. He referred

They marked him in the because he had a right to be there and

called activities of Gaffory and I